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ABOUT THE COVER

The cover photo is of the Methodist Church, built in 1886 in the town of Marysville, 20 miles northwest of Helena. This early day boom town was founded by Thomas Cruse, owner of the Drum Lummon mine. According to author Muriel Wolle in her book, "Montana Paydirt", "Thomas Cruse was asked to donate two lots for a community church and grudgingly gave one. Unaccountably, when the building was completed it covered two lots".

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GLOSSARY OF TERMS

1. Civilian Labor Force - the number of persons 16 years and older, defined as employed or unemployed, excluding members of the Armed Forces.

2. Employed - those persons who work for pay or profit during a week or, as unpaid family workers, work 15 hours or more during a week. Also included as employed are those who, although not working, had some job attachment and were not looking for work, including persons temporarily absent from a job due to illness, bad weather, vacation, or labor-management dispute, whether or not they were in a pay status during their time off.

3. Unemployment - the number of persons who, for an entire week, did not work at all, were able to work and available for work, and (1) were looking for work or (2) would have looked for work except that (a) they were waiting to return to a job from which they had been laid off, or (b) they were waiting to report to a new wage and salary job scheduled to start within the following 30 days (and were not in school during the week).

4. Unemployment Rate - the number of unemployed expressed as a percent of the civilian labor force.

5. Residence Data - a count of employment by where people live.

6. Establishment Data - a count of employment by where people work.

7. Seasonally Adjusted Labor Force Series - to facilitate the evaluation of the labor force, recurrent yearly movements have been isolated and removed by the Bureau of Labor Statistics seasonal factor method.

8. Composite Index - an aggregate of six leading indicators. The indicators used are: Manufacturing - Employment, Average Weekly Hours, total Accessions and Layoffs; Average Weekly Initial Claims; and statewide Building Permits. A reverse trend was used for Layoffs and Average Weekly Initial Claims. This composite index is in no manner or form comparable to the United States composite index as published in "Business Conditions Digest", U. S. Department of Commerce.

9. Real Spendable Average Weekly Earnings of Private Nonagricultural Production Workers - represents the earnings of a hypothetical individual after deductions for State Income, Federal Income and Social Security taxes, and adjustment for change in purchasing power since 1967. This individual is assumed to be sole support for a family of four, earn the average weekly gross earnings of production workers in Montana's private nonagricultural industries, and take standard deductions on State and Federal income taxes. Taxes were computed using standard tax tables, and purchasing power was adjusted by deflating Spendable Earnings based on the national Consumer Price Index.

10. WIN - Work Incentive Program for Aid to Dependent Children recipients.

11. CETA - Comprehensive Employment and Training Act of 1974.

12. CETA-CEP - Concentrated Employment Program funded under the Comprehensive Employment and Training Act.

13. SMSA - Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area as determined by Office of Management and Budget. Must have a central city with population of 50,000 or more.

14. LMA - Labor Market Area as determined by the Montana Employment Security Division consists of a central city or cities with population of less than 50,000, and the economically integrated geographical area surrounding it.

NOTE: Series Change

Beginning with the April 1975 release, all total unemployment and total unemployment rate estimates for the State and all areas have been revised - including seasonally adjusted series - and are not comparable with data published earlier. The Montana State Employment Security Agency, like all State Employment Security Agencies, is revising its total unemployment and total unemployment rate estimates to reflect new data on persons entering and re-entering the labor force. The old series was based on relationships that existed in the early 1960's. Over the intervening decade these relationships have shifted as a result of institutional changes such as the earlier openings of schools in the fall and earlier closing in the spring, and demographic changes such as increased labor force participation of women. Historical series for State and Standard Metropolitan Statistical Areas - both raw and seasonally adjusted - back through 1970 are available upon request.

MONTANA EMPLOYMENT, UNEMPLOYMENT, AND UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

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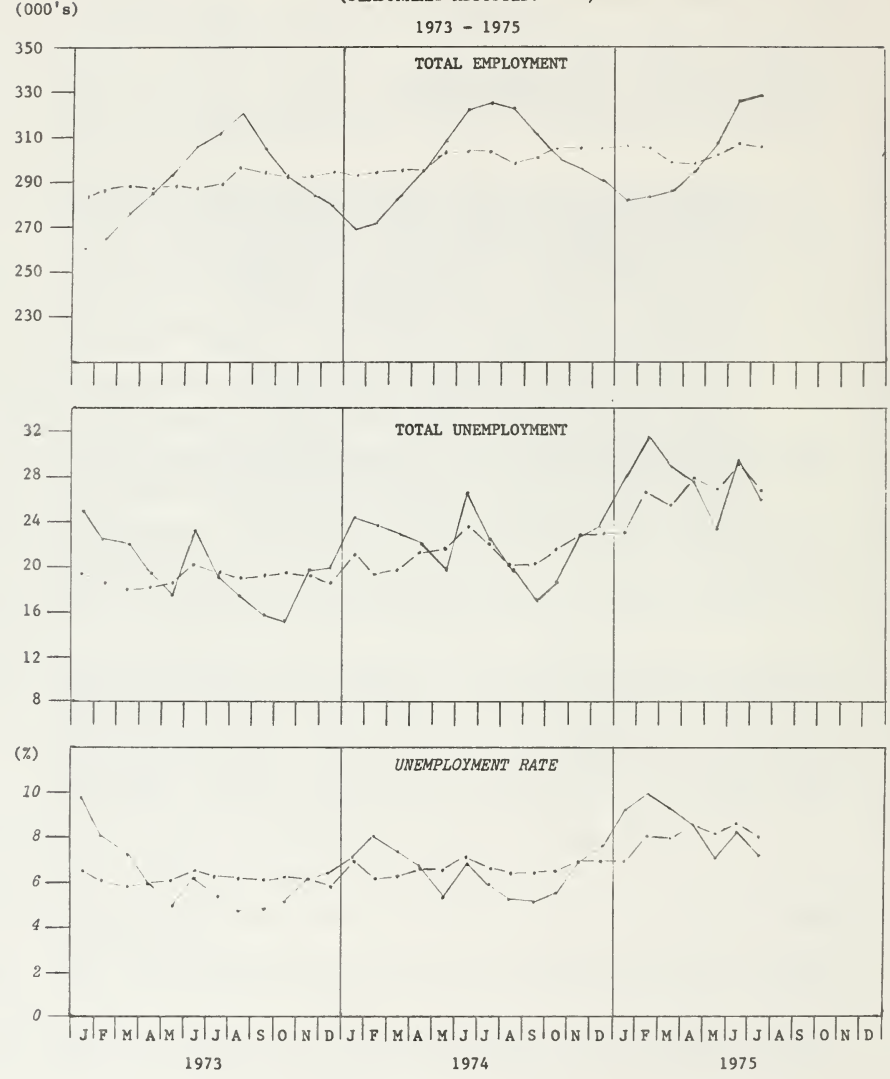


HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MONTANA LABOR MARKET

AUGUST 1975

STATE OF MONTANA

Montana's unemployment rate dipped to 7.3% in July from the 8.3% recorded the previous month; however, this was higher than the 6.0% rate for last year at the same time. The civilian labor force was 354,100 in July, down 1,500 from June but up 6,700 from the same period one year ago.

July's nonagricultural wage and salary employment (establishment data) decreased 1,400 from a month ago but increased 4,200 from last July. Manufacturing employment was 25.7 thousand, 900 more than in June but down 400 from a year ago. This decrease was mainly attributed to the decline from a year ago of nondurable goods which recorded a 600 decrease.

Nonmanufacturing employment was 224.2 thousand, down 2.3 thousand from last month and up 4.6 thousand from a year ago. From a year ago, mining was down 200; contract construction was down 1,800; transportation and public utilities was down 700; trade was up 1,300; finance, insurance and real estate was up 100; services was up 2,000; state government was down 800; local government was up 4,600; and federal government was up 100. Employment for nonagricultural self-employed and unpaid family workers, and domestic workers in private households increased by 200 over a year ago, while agriculture was down 2,000.

Average weekly earnings for total private production workers in July was $163.44 compared with $160.81 for last month and $159.90 for the same month one year ago. Average weekly hours were 36.4 compared with 36.3 last month and 37.1 in July 1974. Average weekly earnings were $4.49 compared with $4.43 last month and $4.31 last year. Total average hourly earnings increased 1.4% over the previous month and 4.2% over July of last year. Total average weekly earnings increased 1.6% from June and 2.2% from a year ago.

Montana's labor turnover rates for June showed manufacturing accession rates increasing over last month and last year, while separation rates decreased from last month but increased slightly from the same month a year ago. Accession rates in the mining industry increased from one month ago but showed a large decrease from last year. Mining separation rates showed substantial increases over both last month and a year ago.

There were 582 building permits issued in Montana in May with a total valuation of $10.5 million while for the first five months of 1975 there were 1,731 permits valued at $34.2 million. One year ago there were 542 permits issued during May with a total valuation of $11.1 million, while for the first five months of 1974 there were 1,891 permits issued with a valuation of $39.7 million. There were 628 residential permits and 821 housing units for this year through May, while last year for the same time there were 639 residential permits and 1,116 housing units. During the first five months Billings had 459 building permits issued with 213 residential permits and 249 housing units; Great Falls had 278 building permits with 63 residential permits and 77 housing units; Missoula had 274 permits issued with 155 residential and 194 housing units; Helena had 122 permits issued with 35 residential and 62 housing units; Bozeman had 102 permits with 48 residential and 77 housing units; Butte had 22 permits with 4 residential and 4 housing units; Kalispell had 43 permits with 9 residential and 35 housing units.

Montana bank debits were up 24% for the first half of 1975 and were up 25% over last year for the 12-month period through June. Communities recording increases from January through June were Belt, Cut Bank, Glasgow, Glendive, Havre, Laurel, Worden, Bozeman, Butte, Helena, Livingston, Missoula, while those showing decreases were Cascade, Great Falls, Lewistown, Malta, Sidney, Billings, Harlowton, Miles City, Anaconda, Kalispell.

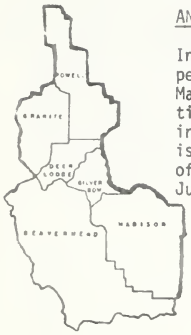
Montana's winter wheat crop is expected to produce 96.0 million bushels, an increase of 23% from last year. Yield is expected to be 32 bushels per acre which would be 2.5 bushels per acre more than last year. Hard spring wheat production is expected to increase 13% from last year which would bring in 7 bushels more per acre. Durum wheat production is expected to be up 85% from a year ago with 4 bushels more per acre.

GREAT FALLS SMSA (Cascade County)

There were 104 building permits issued in Great Falls for June 1975 with a total valuation of $9.9 million. Of the permits, 22 were for residential dwellings valued at $700,000. The largest permit issued was for a new hospital building valued at $8.7 million. Construction is ready to begin on a new $1.1 million postal facility, and building has begun on a new food warehouse that will cost $200,000 and employ around 15 people when in operation. Total nonmanufacturing employment for July in Cascade County was down 400 from the previous month but was 1,500 more than a year ago. The Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area's June bank debits were down 14% from May but were up 6% for the 12-month period through June. By mid-August grain harvest was in full swing with yields high; however, protein content is down.

BILLINGS SMSA (Yellowstone County)

Two hundred and twenty building permits were issued in the city of Billings in June with a total valuation of nearly 11 million dollars. There were 104 residential permits issued during the month with a valuation of over $6 million. At Laurel in June 12 permits were issued valued at $23,000. Total nonagricultural employment in Yellowstone County for July was 38,900, up 100 from last month and up 700 from a year ago. Building construction activity in Billings is continuing at a brisk pace. Bank debits in Billings were up 16% in June over May, and are up 2% for the 12-month period. At Laurel, debits were up 17% over last month and 4% over last year at the same time. The new $4.5 million house manufacturing plant opened in Laurel in June with a work force of 80 people. In agriculture, the winter wheat harvest is in full swing and corn and small grain crops look good.



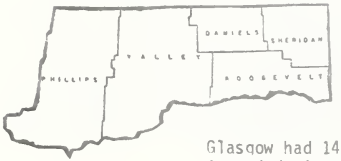
ANACONDA-BUTTE LMA

In Anaconda 19 building permits were issued in May with a total valuation of $54,000 while in Butte 8 permits were issued with a valuation of $961,000. Through June, Anaconda bank debits in the area were up 6% over the previous month and were up 11% for the last 12 month period. In Butte, bank debits were 15% over last month and up 21% for the 12 month period. In Dillon work continues on the new police complex and several new homes. An oil company has started a check for oil in Granite County. A lumber mill at Philipsburg that employs about 30 people announced it will close in August because of low prices. The Arbiter Plant in Anaconda officially closed during the last week of July affecting about 130 workers. The main agricultural activities in the area during the past month were pipe moving, fencing, and flood irrigating. Harvesting of wild hay was started in mid August.

BOZEMAN LMA

There were 102 building permits issued in Bozeman this year with a total valuation of $3.2 million. Livingston had 37 permits issued and were valued at $372,000. Construction continues south of Livingston on a computer operated sawmill project valued at $1.25 million. The local railroad cut back 20 more jobs in the area. In March of this year over 70 people were laid off. At Bozeman, a building permit, valued at $300,000, was issued for an addition to a convalescent home. Bank debits were up 3% for the first three months of 1975 and are up 4% for the 12 month period through June. In Livingston debits were up 6% for the first half of 1975 and up 5% for the 12 month period. By August, grain in the area was beginning to ripen with harvest expected to begin in mid-month.

GLASGOW LMA



Glasgow had 14 permits issued during the first five months of 1975 with a valuation of $108,000 while bank debits were up 3% for the same period. At Glasgow Air Force Base, which was abandoned by the military in 1968, there are nine businesses and government agencies using the facility. It employs about 1200 people and has an annual payroll of $8 million. General construction work was slowed during the month due to weather conditions. The main building projects include work on a building in Fort Peck and a large storage warehouse in Glasgow. At Malta, 3 new business buildings are under construction along with a number of new homes and some remodeling projects. Wolf Point had 6 permits issued with a valuation of $65,000 during the first 5 months of this year. Winter wheat harvest was nearly completed by the middle of August while other agricultural activities included haying, summer fallowing, and irrigating.

GLENDIVE LMA

Glendive issued 12 permits during the first five months of 1975 with a total valuation of $131,000. Bank debits are 11% over last year for the first 6 months and are up 13% for the 12-month period through June. There were 23 permits issued at Sidney from January through May valued at nearly $200,000. Bank debits for the first half of 1975 were down 10% from the previous year, but during the 12-month period through June were the same as they were a year ago. Wheat harvest in the area was well underway by August which is expected to yield better than average. Other activities in the area included summer fallowing and putting up summer hay near Glendive, while at Sidney, irrigation of corn, beans and sugar beets is in full progress.

HARDIN-RED LODGE LMA

At Red Lodge, construction began on a new $900,000 nursing home. The 80-bed facility will employ a staff of 35 when completed. A Big Timber corporation has announced they will build a 16-unit apartment complex starting in October. The two-story structure is expected to take from six to nine months to complete. In Hardin, there were 6 building permits valued at $54,000 issued during the first five months of 1975. Now under construction in Hardin is a new savings and loan office, and ground breaking is expected in late August on a new 17,000 square foot clinic.

HAVRE LMA

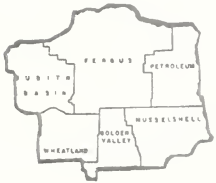
Forty-four building permits were issued in Havre during the first five months of this year, with a valuation of $1.3 million. Of these, 21 were residential permits that will include 43 housing units. Construction in the area continues to progress well mainly on smaller jobs. Wholesale-retail and service industries are showing a moderate amount of activity, and exploration drilling was slow during the past month. Bank debits were up 24% over last year for the first half of 1975 and were up 23% for the 12-month period through June. There has been a lot of activity in the agricultural field, and harvesting should be in full swing by mid-August.

HELENA LMA

The city of Helena issued 45 permits in May with a total valuation of $2.3 million. For the first 5 months of the year, 122 permits were issued with a valuation of $4.6 million. A year ago for the first five months, 126 permits were issued and were valued at $4.1 million. During July bids were let for a new postal facility that will cost nearly $2 million. All construction projects in the area are on schedule and the retail and wholesale trades have been steady. By mid-August, haying season was in full swing and grain harvest was starting.

KALISPELL LMA

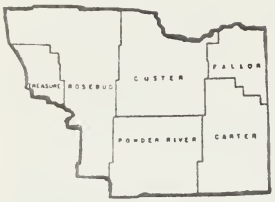
The wholesale-retail industry has been active during the month largely due to tourist trade, while logging and wood products industry was operating in the area with full crews. Flathead Lake cherry growers expect a good harvest this season as packing operations reached full swing at the end of July. About 200 employees will be working at the warehouse this summer. Harvest is expected to conclude around the 12th of August. A new four lane bridge, valued at $2.1 million and which will cross the Flathead River at Columbia Falls, got underway in July. At Polson plans to reopen the plywood mill were announced. Preliminary reports show that about 80 people will be hired for the operation which will include three shifts. By the end of July, employment on the Libby Dam project was 361. In agriculture, haying, Christmas tree hoeing, and trimming were the major activities.



LEWISTOWN LMA

Area construction remained active during the month with several road jobs and remodeling of buildings. In Lewistown, 33 building permits were issued during the first five months of 1975 with a total valuation of $591,000. Bank debits for Lewistown were down 7% for the first half of this year compared with this same period one year ago and were down 8% for the 12 month period through June. Main street activities remained good throughout the month. At Harlowton, during May, bank debits showed an increase of 4% from last year. By mid-August, harvesting was nearly 50 percent complete and haying was finishing up.

MILES CITY LMA



Construction in Miles City continued at a brisk pace in June as 52 building permits totaling $335,490 were issued by the city. This compares with $102,893 for 28 permits issued during June of 1974, and a $225,109 total for permits issued during May of this year. A one million dollar contract of intent was signed this month for a new 17,000 square foot building that will house a clinic in Lame Deer. Bank debits through the first six months of 1975 were down 10% from last year and down 3% for the 12-month period through June. Winter wheat harvest will be completed by the middle of August. The haying was approximately 75% done and the first cutting of alfalfa was complete by the end of July. It was reported that most haying crops in the area were running two to two and one-half tons per acre with better quality than normal.

MISSOULA LMA

There were 274 building permits issued with a total valuation of $6.8 million through the first 5 months of 1975 compared with 231 issued last year valued at $4.6 million. One hundred and fifty-five residential permits were issued for 174 housing units this year compared with 103 permits for 186 housing units one year ago for the first five months. For the first half of 1975 bank debits increased 37% over 1975 and were up 46% from a year ago for the 12-month period through June. Employment activity in the Bitterroot valley had its seasonal upswing in July, and harvest activities provided many jobs as haying was in full swing. Also an increase in construction projects was noted with additional new housing starts and remodeling jobs reported. Farm activities centered around haying, berry picking and the start of the sour cherry harvest.

SHELBY-CUT BANK LMA

Eight building permits were issued in Cut Bank during May with a total valuation of $40,000. Bank debits for June 1975 in Cut Bank showed an increase of 19% over last year, and are up 10% for the first half of 1975 over the same period a year ago. At Browning, work is progressing on a 16 thousand dollar addition to the city fire hall with completion set for August. In agriculture, crops in the area looked good at the end of July. The main activities were summer fallowing, fencing and harvesting.

ANTICIPATED DEVELOPMENTS IN MONTANA'S LABOR FORCE

Montana should record its lowest monthly unemployment rates for August, September and October and then show a rise in November and December. The civilian labor force which reached its peak in July will show a steady decline through the remainder of 1975 with employment in the state also decreasing. The July Consumer Price Index rose 1.1% over June which, if this trend continues, could mean a return to double digit inflation before the year's end as well as a slowdown in the recovery from our current recessionary problems.

MANPOWER PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

JULY 1975

Program	New Enrollees	Job Placements	End of Month Enrollment
WIN	276	109	2,235
CETA-CEP	78	52	368
CETA-INST.	13	36	147
CETA-OJT	48	47	174
JOB CORPS	51	21	274

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - U. S.[1/]

(1967 = 100)

Group	July 1975	*Percent Change From:* June 1975	July 1974
All Items	162.3	*1.1%*	*9.7%*

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE UNEMPLOYED[2/]

JULY 1975

Social Characteristics	*Percent of Total Covered Unemployment*
Non-White	*3.6%*
Female	*41.7%*
Youth	*13.7%*
Over 45	*22.3%*

1/ The Consumer Price Index measures changes in prices of goods and services bought by urban wage earners and clerical workers, including families and single persons.

2/ Based on 20% sample of Continued Claims filed during the week including the 19th of each month in all local offices.

MONTANA CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE

NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

in Thousands

Date	Civilian Labor Force	EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			Labor Management Dispute 1/
		Total	Non-Ag	Agri.	Total	Percent # Montana	Percent # U. S.	
1973								
January	286.2	261.1	238.7	22.4	25.1	*8.8*	*5.5*	.1
February	289.1	265.6	240.3	25.3	23.5	*8.1*	*5.6*	*
March	297.6	276.0	245.4	30.6	21.6	*7.3*	*5.2*	*
April	303.3	285.1	248.4	36.7	18.2	*6.0*	*4.8*	.2
May	309.2	293.7	255.2	38.5	15.5	*5.0*	*4.3*	.4
June	326.0	305.7	264.6	41.1	20.3	*6.2*	*5.4*	.5
July	329.9	311.6	263.5	48.1	18.3	*5.6*	*5.0*	*
August	338.0	321.7	264.4	57.3	16.3	*4.8*	*4.7*	.1
September	320.9	305.2	260.1	45.1	15.7	*4.9*	*4.7*	.1
October	308.3	292.3	257.4	34.9	16.0	*5.2*	*4.2*	.1
November	302.4	283.6	254.2	29.4	18.8	*6.2*	*4.5*	*
December	299.5	280.1	254.4	25.7	19.4	*6.5*	*4.5*	*
1973 Avg.	309.2	290.1	253.8	36.3	19.1	*6.2*	*4.9*	.1
1974								
January	298.1	270.5	245.7	24.8	27.6	*9.2*	*5.6*	.1
February	298.2	273.9	249.1	24.8	24.3	*8.1*	*5.7*	*
March	308.2	284.8	254.5	30.3	23.4	*7.6*	*5.3*	*
April	316.4	295.0	261.0	34.0	21.4	*6.8*	*4.8*	*
May	327.8	309.5	270.0	39.5	18.3	*5.6*	*4.6*	4.0
June	346.8	322.8	277.7	45.1	24.0	*6.9*	*5.8*	2.0
July	347.4	326.4	277.7	48.7	21.0	*6.0*	*5.6*	*
August	341.8	323.9	277.9	46.0	17.9	*5.3*	*5.3*	.2
September	329.7	312.4	275.6	36.8	17.3	*5.2*	*5.7*	*
October	322.3	304.2	269.3	34.9	18.1	*5.6*	*5.5*	*
November	319.3	296.9	266.5	30.4	22.4	*7.0*	*6.2*	.1
December	315.1	291.0	265.2	25.8	24.1	*7.7*	*6.7*	*
1974 Avg.	322.6	301.0	265.9	35.1	21.6	*6.7*	*5.6*	.5
1975								
January	312.8	283.9	257.1	26.8	28.9	*9.3*	*9.0*	*
February	317.3	285.6	256.3	29.3	31.7	*10.0*	*9.1*	*
March	315.4	286.4	260.2	26.2	29.0	*9.2*	*9.1*	.3
April	324.0	296.0	263.1	32.9	28.0	*8.7*	*8.6*	.2
May	332.3	308.6	270.3	38.3	23.7	*7.1*	*8.3*	.1
June	355.6	326.0	282.4	43.6	29.6	*8.3*	*9.1*	.1
July	354.1	328.2	281.5	46.7	25.9	*7.3*	*8.7*	.2
August	*348.4*	*325.8*	*281.8*	*44.0*	*22.6*	*6.5*		-
September								
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Avg.								

* *Under 50. Current month in italics is a forecast. Previous month preliminary.*

\# *Computed from whole (unrounded) numbers. Series began January 1970.*

1/ *Non-additive - included in total employment. Revised to 1974 Benchmarks.*

Table II

GREAT FALLS SMSA (CASCADE COUNTY)

Civilian Labor Force

NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

in Thousands

Date	Civilian Labor Force	EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			Labor Management Dispute 1/
		Total	Non-Ag	Agri.	Total	*Percent #* County	State	
1973								
January	30.1	27.3	26.4	0.9	2.8	*9.1*	*8.8*	*
February	30.2	27.6	26.6	1.0	2.6	*8.6*	*8.1*	*
March	30.8	28.4	27.2	1.2	2.4	*7.7*	*7.3*	*
April	31.6	29.4	28.0	1.4	2.2	*6.9*	*6.0*	*
May	32.2	29.9	28.4	1.5	2.3	*7.0*	*5.0*	*
June	33.9	30.9	29.3	1.6	3.0	*8.9*	*6.2*	0
July	33.6	31.2	29.3	1.9	2.4	*7.1*	*5.6*	0
August	33.5	31.5	29.2	2.3	2.0	*6.0*	*4.8*	0
September	32.9	30.9	29.1	1.8	2.0	*6.2*	*4.9*	*
October	32.1	30.3	38.9	1.4	1.8	*5.5*	*5.2*	0
November	31.5	29.5	28.3	1.2	2.0	*6.4*	*6.2*	*
December	31.3	29.3	28.3	1.0	2.0	*6.4*	*6.5*	*
1973 Avg.	32.0	29.7	28.3	1.4	2.3	*7.2*	*6.2*	*
1974								
January	31.5	28.6	27.6	1.0	2.9	*9.3*	*9.2*	*
February	31.1	28.7	27.7	1.0	2.4	*7.6*	*8.1*	*
March	31.9	29.6	28.3	1.3	2.3	*7.2*	*7.6*	*
April	32.3	30.3	28.8	1.5	2.0	*6.2*	*6.8*	*
May	32.4	30.4	28.7	1.7	2.0	*6.2*	*5.6*	1.4
June	34.1	31.6	29.6	2.0	2.5	*7.3*	*6.9*	1.2
July	33.9	31.7	29.5	2.2	2.2	*6.4*	*6.0*	*
August	33.8	31.8	29.8	2.0	2.0	*5.8*	*5.3*	*
September	33.2	31.3	29.7	1.6	1.9	*5.6*	*5.2*	*
October	33.1	31.3	29.8	1.5	1.8	*5.5*	*5.6*	*
November	32.1	30.1	28.7	1.4	2.0	*6.3*	*7.0*	*
December	32.2	30.1	29.0	1.1	2.1	*6.6*	*7.7*	*
1974 Avg.	32.7	30.5	29.0	1.5	2.2	*6.7*	*6.7*	.2
1975								
January	31.6	29.0	28.0	1.0	2.6	*8.4*	*9.3*	*
February	32.2	29.2	28.0	1.2	3.0	*9.5*	*10.0*	*
March	32.5	29.7	28.7	1.0	2.8	*8.5*	*9.2*	.1
April	33.3	30.6	29.3	1.3	2.7	*8.2*	*8.7*	.1
May	33.8	31.4	29.9	1.5	2.4	*7.0*	*7.1*	*
June	35.3	32.5	30.8	1.7	2.8	*8.1*	*8.3*	*
July	35.0	32.2	30.4	1.8	2.8	*7.9*	*7.3*	*
August	*34.8*	*32.4*	*30.7*	*1.7*	*2.4*	*7.0*	*6.5*	-
September								
October								
November								
December								
Avg.								

* *Under 50.* *Current month in italics a forecast.* *Previous month preliminary.*

\# *Computed from whole (unrounded numbers).* *Series began January 1970.*

1/ *Non-additive - included in total employment.* *Revised to 1974 Benchmarks.*

Table III

BILLINGS SMSA (YELLOWSTONE COUNTY)

Civilian Labor Force

NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

in Thousands

Date	Civilian Labor Force	EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			Labor Management Dispute 1/
		Total	Non-Ag	Agri.	Total	*Percent#* County	State	
1973								
January	40.6	37.9	36.9	1.0	2.7	*6.6*	*8.8*	*
February	40.8	38.5	37.4	1.1	2.3	*5.5*	*8.1*	*
March	41.5	39.5	38.1	1.4	2.0	*4.9*	*7.3*	0
April	42.8	40.9	39.2	1.7	1.9	*4.6*	*6.0*	*
May	43.3	41.2	39.4	1.8	2.1	*4.7*	*5.0*	*
June	45.5	42.7	40.8	1.9	2.8	*6.2*	*6.2*	.3
July	45.3	42.8	40.6	2.2	2.5	*5.6*	*5.6*	*
August	45.5	43.2	40.6	2.6	2.3	*5.1*	*4.8*	*
September	44.0	42.1	40.0	2.1	1.9	*4.4*	*4.9*	*
October	44.5	42.5	40.9	1.6	2.0	*4.6*	*5.2*	*
November	44.6	42.4	41.1	1.3	2.2	*4.9*	*6.2*	*
December	44.2	42.2	41.0	1.2	2.0	*4.4*	*6.5*	*
1973 Avg.	43.5	41.3	39.6	1.7	2.2	*5.1*	*6.2*	*
1974								
January	44.0	40.6	39.5	1.1	3.4	*7.8*	*9.2*	0
February	43.9	41.3	40.2	1.1	2.6	*5.9*	*8.1*	0
March	44.6	42.2	40.6	1.6	2.4	*5.4*	*7.6*	0
April	45.1	42.9	41.2	1.7	2.2	*4.9*	*6.8*	0
May	45.6	43.6	41.6	2.0	2.0	*4.4*	*5.6*	.5
June	48.1	45.0	42.7	2.3	3.1	*6.3*	*6.9*	.5
July	47.9	45.4	42.9	2.5	2.5	*5.3*	*6.0*	*
August	47.0	44.9	42.5	2.4	2.1	*4.4*	*5.3*	*
September	46.1	44.1	42.2	1.9	2.0	*4.4*	*5.2*	*
October	46.6	44.7	42.9	1.8	1.9	*4.2*	*5.6*	*
November	45.9	43.6	42.0	1.6	2.3	*5.0*	*7.0*	*
December	45.8	43.3	42.0	1.3	2.5	*5.4*	*7.7*	*
1974 Avg.	45.9	43.5	41.7	1.8	2.4	*5.3*	*6.7*	*
1975								
January	44.9	41.4	40.2	1.2	3.5	*7.9*	*9.3*	*
February	45.2	41.6	40.3	1.3	3.6	*8.0*	*10.0*	*
March	45.3	41.7	40.5	1.2	3.6	*7.9*	*9.2*	.1
April	46.3	42.9	41.4	1.5	3.4	*7.4*	*8.7*	*
May	46.7	44.1	42.3	1.8	2.6	*5.6*	*7.1*	0
June	48.4	45.0	43.0	2.0	3.4	*7.0*	*8.3*	0
July	48.6	45.4	43.3	2.1	3.2	*6.6*	*7.3*	0
August	*47.6*	*44.9*	*42.9*	*2.0*	*2.7*	*5.7*	*6.5*	-
September								
October								
November								
December								
Avg.								

* *Under 50.* *Current month in italics is a forecast.* *Previous month preliminary.*

\# *Computed from whole (unrounded) numbers.* *Series began January 1970.*

1/ *Non-additive - included in total employment.* *Revised to 1974 Benchmarks.*

RESIDENCE DATA
(ESTABLISHMENT DATA in italics)

Table IV

MONTANA

Statewide Employment by Industry
JULY 1975

in Thousands

INDUSTRY	July 1975	June 1975	July 1974	Net Changes to Current Month from: June 1975	Net Changes to Current Month from: July 1974
1. Civilian Labor Force	354.1	355.6	347.4	-1.5	6.7
2. Unemployment	25.9	29.6	21.0	-3.7	4.9
Percent of Labor Force#	*7.3*	*8.3*	*6.0*	*-1.0*	*1.3*
3. Employment, Total	328.2	326.0	326.4	2.2	1.8
(a) Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Adjusted for Dual Job Holders (Residence Data)	247.8	249.0	244.2	-1.2	3.6
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY (Establishment Data)	*249.9*	*251.3*	*245.7*	*-1.4*	*4.2*
MANUFACTURING	*25.7*	*24.8*	*26.1*	*.9*	*-.4*
Durable Goods	*17.3*	*16.7*	*17.1*	*.6*	*.2*
24 Lumber and Wood Products	*10.5*	*9.9*	*10.2*	*.6*	*.3*
33 Primary Metal Industries	*3.4*	*3.4*	*3.5*	*0*	*-.1*
Other Durable Goods	*3.4*	*3.4*	*3.4*	*0*	*0*
Nondurable Goods	*8.4*	*8.1*	*9.0*	*.3*	*-.6*
20 Food and Kindred Products	*3.8*	*3.6*	*4.4*	*.2*	*-.6*
27 Printing and Publishing	*1.9*	*2.0*	*2.0*	*-.1*	*-.1*
29 Petroleum and Coal Products	*1.3*	*1.2*	*1.1*	*.1*	*.2*
Other Nondurable Goods	*1.4*	*1.3*	*1.5*	*.1*	*-.1*
NONMANUFACTURING	*224.2*	*226.5*	*219.6*	*-2.3*	*4.6*
Mining	*7.3*	*7.4*	*7.5*	*-.1*	*-.2*
10 Metal Mining	*3.1*	*3.4*	*4.2*	*-.3*	*-1.1*
12 & 14 Bitum. Coal, Quarrying, Nonmetal Mining	*2.1*	*2.0*	*1.5*	*.1*	*.6*
13 Oil and Gas Extraction	*2.1*	*2.0*	*1.8*	*.1*	*.3*

Contract Construction	13.6	12.9	15.4	.7	-1.8
15 General Building Contractors	6.0	5.8	5.9	.2	.1
16 Heavy Construction Contractors	2.6	2.4	4.6	.2	-2.0
17 Special Trade Contractors	5.0	4.7	4.9	.3	.1
Transportation and Public Utilities	19.8	19.4	20.5	.4	-.7
40 Railroad Transportation	6.3	6.3	6.7	0	-.4
41-47 Transportation, except Railroad	5.6	5.5	6.3	.1	-.7
48 & 49 Commun., Electric, Gas, Sanitary Services	7.9	7.6	7.5	.3	.4
Wholesale and Retail Trade	63.8	63.5	62.5	.3	1.3
Wholesale Trade	12.5	12.5	12.8	0	-.3
Retail Trade	51.3	51.0	49.7	.3	1.6
53 & 56 Ret. Gen. Merch., Apparel, Accessories	8.7	8.8	8.2	-.1	.5
54 Food Stores	6.6	6.5	6.6	.1	0
55 Automotive Dealers, Service Stations	8.5	8.5	8.8	0	-.3
58 Eating and Drinking Places	16.9	16.5	16.0	.4	.9
52, 57, 59 Bldg. Mat., Farm Equip., Furn., Misc.	10.6	10.7	10.1	-.1	.5
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	10.7	10.6	10.6	.1	.1
Services	48.2	47.3	46.2	.9	2.0
70 Hotels and other Lodging Places	8.3	7.8	8.1	.5	.2
72 Personal Services	2.7	2.9	2.7	-.2	0
80 Medical and other Health Services	13.9	14.0	13.8	-.1	.1
Other Services	23.3	22.6	21.6	.7	1.7
Government	60.8	65.4	56.9	-4.6	3.9
91 Federal Government	14.6	14.5	14.5	-.1	.1
State and Local Government	46.2	50.9	42.4	-4.7	3.8
92 State Government	16.3	17.3	17.1	-1.0	-.8
93 Local Government	29.9	33.6	25.3	-3.7	4.6
(b) All other Nonagricultural Employment[2]	33.7	33.4	33.5	.3	.2
(c) Agriculture	46.7	43.6	48.7	3.1	-2.0
4. Persons involved in labor/management disputes[3]	.2	.1	0	.1	.2

1/ Computed from whole (unrounded) numbers. Current month preliminary. Revised to 1974 Benchmarks.
2/ Includes nonagricultural self-employed and unpaid family workers, and domestic workers in private households.
3/ Non-Additive, included in Line (a). Establishment Series began January 1964; Residence Series began January 1970.
* Under .05. Produced in cooperation with U.S. Dept. of Labor Manpower Administration and Bureau of Labor Statistics.

RESIDENCE DATA
(ESTABLISHMENT DATA in italics)

Table V

GREAT FALLS SMSA (CASCADE COUNTY)

Employment by Industry

JULY 1975

in Thousands

INDUSTRY	July 1975	June 1975	July 1974	Net Changes to Current Month from: June 1975	July 1974
1. Civilian Labor Force	35.0	35.3	33.9	-.3	1.1
2. Unemployment	2.8	2.8	2.2	0	.6
Percent of Labor Force#	*7.9*	*8.1*	*6.4*	*-.2*	*1.5*
3. Employment, Total	32.2	32.5	31.7	-.3	.5
(a) Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Adjusted for Dual Job Holders (Residence Data)	27.8	28.2	27.0	-.4	.8
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY (Establishment Data)	*28.9*	*29.3*	*27.4*	*-.4*	*1.5*
MANUFACTURING	*1.9*	*1.9*	*2.0*	*0*	*-.1*
NONMANUFACTURING	*27.0*	*27.4*	*25.4*	*-.4*	*1.6*
Contract Construction	*2.0*	*1.8*	*1.9*	*.2*	*.1*
Transportation and Public Utilities	*2.6*	*2.6*	*2.5*	*0*	*.1*
Wholesale and Retail Trade	*8.7*	*8.7*	*8.1*	*0*	*.6*
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	*2.0*	*2.0*	*1.9*	*0*	*.1*
Services and Mining	*6.0*	*6.1*	*5.4*	*-.1*	*.6*
Government	*5.7*	*6.2*	*5.6*	*-.5*	*.1*
(b) All other Nonagricultural Employment[1/]	2.6	2.6	2.5	0	.1
(c) Agriculture	1.8	1.7	2.2	.1	-.4
4. Persons involved in labor/management disputes	*	*	*	*	*

1/ Includes nonagricultural self-employed and unpaid family workers, and domestic workers in private households.

*# Computed from whole (unrounded) numbers. * Under 50. Current month preliminary.*
Establishment Series began January 1958. Residence Series began January 1974.
Produced in cooperation with U. S. Dept. of Labor Manpower Administration and Bureau of Labor Statistics. Revised to 1974 Benchmarks.

Table VI

BILLINGS SMSA (YELLOWSTONE COUNTY)

Employment by Industry

JULY 1975

in Thousands

INDUSTRY	July 1975	June 1975	July 1974	Net Changes to Current Month from: June 1975	July 1974
1. Civilian Labor Force	48.6	48.4	47.9	.2	.7
2. Unemployment	3.2	3.4	2.5	-.2	.7
Percent of Labor Force#	*6.6*	*7.0*	*5.3*	*-.4*	*1.3*
3. Employment, Total	45.4	45.0	45.4	.4	0
(a) Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Adjusted for Dual Job Holders (Residence Data)	38.8	38.5	38.4	.3	.4
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY (Establishment Data)	*38.9*	*38.8*	*38.2*	*.1*	*.7*
MANUFACTURING	*3.4*	*3.3*	*3.7*	*.1*	*-.3*
NONMANUFACTURING	*35.5*	*35.5*	*34.5*	*0*	*1.0*
Contract Construction	*2.3*	*2.1*	*2.3*	*.2*	*0*
Transportation and Public Utilities	*3.5*	*3.6*	*3.8*	*-.1*	*-.3*
Wholesale and Retail Trade	*12.6*	*12.5*	*12.1*	*.1*	*.5*
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	*2.0*	*1.9*	*2.0*	*.1*	*0*
Services and Mining	*8.2*	*8.1*	*8.1*	*.1*	*.1*
Government	*6.9*	*7.3*	*6.2*	*-.4*	*.7*
(b) All other Nonagricultural Employment 1/	4.5	4.5	4.5	0	0
(c) Agriculture	2.1	2.0	2.5	.1	-.4
4. Persons involved in labor/management disputes	0	0	0	0	0

1/ Includes nonagricultural self-employed and unpaid family workers, and domestic workers in private households.

*# Computed from whole (unrounded) numbers * Under 50. Current month preliminary. Establishment Series began January 1958. Residence Series began January 1974. Produced in cooperation with U. S. Dept. of Labor Manpower Administration and Bureau of Labor Statistics. Revised to 1974 Benchmarks.*

Table VII

MONTANA LABOR MARKET AREAS[1/]

Civilian Labor Force

in Thousands

	CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE			EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT RATE		
	May 1975	June 1975	July 1975	May 1975	June 1975	July 1975	May 1975	June 1975	July 1975	May 1975	June 1975	July 1975
STATEWIDE	332.3	355.6	354.1	308.6	326.0	328.2	23.7	29.6	25.9	*7.1*	*8.3*	*7.3*
GREAT FALLS SMSA	33.8	35.3	35.0	31.4	32.5	32.2	2.4	2.8	2.8	*7.0*	*8.1*	*7.9*
BILLINGS SMSA	46.7	48.4	48.6	44.1	45.0	45.4	2.6	3.4	3.2	*5.6*	*7.0*	*6.6*
BALANCE OF STATE[2/]	251.8	271.9	270.5	233.1	248.5	250.6	18.7	23.4	19.9	*7.4*	*8.6*	*7.4*
ANACONDA-BUTTE	34.9	37.5	36.9	32.1	33.4	33.6	2.8	4.1	3.3	*8.1*	*10.9*	*9.0*
BOZEMAN	24.6	26.2	26.0	22.8	24.2	24.4	1.8	2.1	1.6	*7.4*	*7.8*	*6.3*
GLASGOW	16.3	18.0	18.1	15.6	17.1	17.3	.7	1.0	.9	*4.2*	*5.4*	*4.8*
GLENDIVE	13.6	14.9	14.9	13.0	14.1	14.3	.6	.8	.7	*4.2*	*5.5*	*4.4*
HARDIN-RED LODGE	10.1	11.1	10.9	9.5	10.1	10.2	.6	.9	.7	*6.0*	*8.3*	*6.2*
HAVRE	12.6	13.9	13.9	12.0	13.0	13.1	.6	.8	.8	*4.5*	*6.0*	*5.6*
HELENA	21.9	23.1	23.1	20.6	21.4	21.5	1.3	1.7	1.6	*6.0*	*7.5*	*6.8*
KALISPELL	33.7	36.2	35.6	29.6	31.5	31.7	4.1	4.7	3.8	*12.3*	*13.0*	*10.8*
LEWISTOWN	11.6	13.1	13.2	11.1	12.4	12.6	.5	.7	.6	*4.3*	*5.3*	*4.4*
MILES CITY	13.2	14.2	14.2	12.7	13.4	13.5	.5	.8	.6	*4.2*	*5.4*	*4.5*
MISSOULA	40.8	42.7	42.6	36.5	38.0	38.2	4.3	4.7	4.4	*10.5*	*10.9*	*10.4*
SHELBY-CUT BANK	18.5	21.0	21.1	17.6	19.9	20.2	.9	1.1	.9	*4.6*	*5.4*	*4.3*

1/ A list of counties included in each Labor Market Area appears on page 29. See map on inside back cover.
2/ Statewide, excluding Great Falls and Billings Standard Metropolitan Statistical Areas.

TABLE VIII

MONTANA LABOR MARKET AREAS[1/]

Civilian Labor Force

in Thousands

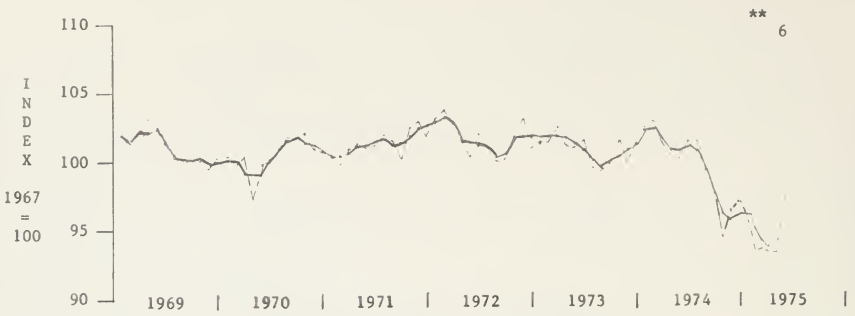
	CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE			EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT RATE		
	July 1975	July 1974	Percent Change 1974-1975	July 1975	July 1974	Percent Change 1974-1975	July 1975	July 1974	Net Change 1974-1975	July 1975	July 1974	Net Change 1974-1975
STATEWIDE	354.1	347.4	1.9	328.2	326.4	5.5	25.9	21.0	4.9	7.3	6.0	1.3
GREAT FALLS SMSA	35.0	33.9	3.2	32.2	31.7	1.6	2.8	2.2	.6	7.9	6.4	1.5
BILLINGS SMSA	48.6	47.9	1.4	45.4	45.4	0	3.2	2.5	.7	6.5	5.3	1.2
BALANCE OF STATE[2/]	270.5	265.6	1.8	250.6	249.3	.5	19.9	16.3	3.6	7.4	6.1	1.3
ANACONDA-BUTTE	36.9	37.1	-.5	33.6	35.2	-4.5	3.3	1.9	1.4	9.0	5.2	3.8
BOZEMAN	26.0	26.4	-1.5	24.4	25.1	-2.8	1.6	1.3	.3	6.3	5.1	1.2
GLASGOW	18.1	17.8	1.7	17.3	17.0	1.8	0.9	.8	.1	4.8	4.4	.4
GLENDIVE	14.9	14.5	2.8	14.3	13.9	2.9	0.7	.6	.1	4.4	3.8	.6
HARDIN-RED LODGE	10.9	12.7	-14.2	10.2	11.9	-14.3	0.7	.8	-.1	6.2	6.4	.2
HAVRE	13.9	12.6	10.3	13.1	11.9	10.1	0.8	.7	.1	5.6	5.4	.2
HELENA	23.1	22.6	2.2	21.5	21.2	1.4	1.6	1.4	.2	6.9	6.2	.7
KALISPELL	35.6	33.9	5.0	31.7	30.5	3.9	3.8	3.4	.4	10.7	9.3	1.4
LEWISTOWN	13.2	11.9	10.9	12.6	11.3	11.5	0.6	.6	0	4.4	5.0	-.6
MILES CITY	14.2	14.9	-4.7	13.9	14.3	-2.8	0.6	.6	0	4.2	4.0	.2
MISSOULA	42.6	42.1	1.2	38.2	38.9	-1.8	4.4	3.2	1.2	10.3	7.6	2.7
SHELBY-CUT BANK	21.1	19.1	10.5	20.2	18.1	11.6	0.9	1.0	-.1	4.3	5.1	-.8

1/ A list of counties contained in each Labor Market Area appears on page 20. [illegible]

2/ Balance of state area [illegible]

ECONOMIC INDICATORS

COMPOSITE INDEX OF SIX LEADING INDICATORS*



Composite Index of SIX LEADING INDICATORS 1967 = 100

1974	
January	102.7
February	103.0
March	101.4
April	100.6
May	100.3
June	101.6
July	101.5
August	99.4
September	97.7
October	94.3
November	96.1
December	96.9
1975	
January	95.8
February	93.5
March	93.8
April	93.5
May	93.2
June	97.5
July	
August	
September	
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MONTANA'S COMPOSITE INDEX

The composite index for June has reversed the recent downward trend to reach its highest point in eight months. The composite index value of 97.5 for June is the result of all components displaying positive trends. Building permits and layoffs were the components increasing significantly over last month. As was noted in May, a plant in western Montana was closed but reopened shortly afterward, thus affecting the layoff rate to display a positive movement for June. Average weekly initial claims are expected to increase slightly next month.

In the graph above the solid line is a three-month moving average which removes irregular effects and more clearly shows the cyclical trend.

* *Employment, Average Weekly Hours, Total Accessions, and Layoffs in Manufacturing; Building Permits, and Average Weekly Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims.*

** *Indicates last month of plotted data.*

REAL SPENDABLE AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS OF PRIVATE NONAGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION WORKERS (1967 DOLLARS)

	July 1975	June 1975	July 1974
Gross Average Weekly Earnings	$165.44	$160.81	$159.90
Taxes Withheld	22.88	22.10	24.48
Spendable Earnings	140.56	138.71	135.42
Adjustment for Price Changes Since 1967	53.96	52.34	43.92
Real Spendable Earnings in 1967 Dollars	86.60	86.37	91.50

1974	Average Weekly Earnings 1/	Real Spendable Earnings 2/
Jul.	$159.90	$91.50
Aug.	159.84	90.31
Sep.	157.38	88.10
Oct.	157.75	87.46
Nov.	154.94	85.40
Dec.	154.28	84.52
1975		
Jan.	152.28	83.19
Feb.	152.80	82.90
Mar.	155.09	83.58
Apr.	154.22	82.77
May	157.24	85.48
Jun.	160.81	86.37
Jul.	163.44p	86.60p
Aug.		
Sep.		
Oct.		
Nov.		
Dec.		

The widely publicized nationwide Consumer Price Index increased 1.1% during July, which is the largest monthly increase of this year. Fortunately, gross average weekly earnings for Montanans rose from June at $160.81 to $163.44 in July or 1.6%. Therefore, real spendable earnings for Montana production workers improved from $86.37 to $86.60 during this time period.

Similar yearly comparisons do not yield the same satisfactory results, however. Between July of 1974 and July of 1975, prices rose 6.7%, while earnings only rose 2.2%. In the long run, prices generally continue to outpace earnings in Montana.

* Indicate last month of plotted data. p: Preliminary

1/ Average weekly earnings of total private nonagricultural production workers.

2/ Real spendable average weekly earnings of private nonagricultural production workers.

Table IX

MONTANA CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

in Thousands

Date	Civilian Labor Force	EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			Labor Management Dispute 1/
		Total	Non-Ag	Agri.	Total	Percent # Montana	Percent # U. S.	
1973								
January	303.1	283.5	250.4	33.1	19.6	6.5	5.0	.1
February	304.8	286.1	251.5	34.6	18.7	6.1	5.1	*
March	306.7	288.7	253.0	35.7	18.0	5.9	5.0	*
April	305.6	287.4	252.6	34.8	18.2	6.0	5.0	.2
May	307.0	288.2	252.7	35.5	18.8	6.1	5.0	.4
June	307.2	287.1	254.7	32.4	20.1	6.5	4.8	.5
July	309.1	289.7	252.4	37.3	19.4	6.3	4.7	*
August	315.4	296.2	253.4	42.8	19.2	6.1	4.8	.1
September	313.9	294.6	254.9	39.7	19.3	6.1	4.8	.1
October	313.3	293.7	256.3	37.4	19.6	6.3	4.5	.1
November	311.6	292.2	256.4	35.8	19.4	6.2	4.7	*
December	312.8	294.4	258.4	36.0	18.4	5.9	4.8	*
1973 Avg.	309.2	290.1	253.8	36.3	19.1	6.2	4.9	.1
1974								
January	315.1	293.2	257.5	35.7	21.9	7.0	5.2	.1
February	314.2	294.7	260.4	34.3	19.5	6.2	5.2	*
March	317.1	297.2	261.8	35.4	19.9	6.3	5.1	*
April	318.6	297.2	265.1	32.1	21.4	6.7	5.0	*
May	325.5	303.9	267.3	36.6	21.6	6.6	5.2	4.0
June	327.8	304.1	267.9	36.2	23.7	7.2	5.2	2.0
July	326.6	304.6	266.5	38.1	22.0	6.7	5.3	*
August	319.2	298.4	267.0	31.4	20.8	6.5	5.4	.2
September	322.6	301.7	270.5	31.2	20.9	6.5	5.8	*
October	327.3	305.6	268.1	37.5	21.7	6.6	6.0	*
November	328.5	305.5	268.7	36.8	23.0	7.0	6.6	.1
December	328.2	305.1	269.1	36.0	23.1	7.0	7.2	*
1974 Avg.	322.6	301.0	265.9	35.1	21.6	6.7	5.6	.5
1975								
January	329.8	306.6	268.9	37.7	23.2	7.0	8.2	*
February	333.4	306.4	267.7	38.7	27.0	8.1	8.2	*
March	324.4	298.8	267.7	31.1	25.6	7.9	8.7	.3
April	326.1	298.0	267.0	31.0	28.1	8.6	8.9	.2
May	329.9	302.9	267.5	35.4	27.0	8.2	9.2	.1
June	336.6	307.3	272.6	34.7	29.3	8.7	8.7	.1
July	333.4	306.5	270.5	36.0	26.9	8.1	8.4	.2
August								
September								
October								
November								
December								
Avg.								

* *Under 50.* *Current month preliminary. Revised to 1974 Benchmarks.*

1/ Non-additive - included in total employment. *Series began January 1970.*

NOTE: Seasonally adjusted data are provided for statistical analysis only and should not be confused with actual numbers.

Table X

GREAT FALLS SMSA (CASCADE COUNTY)

Civilian Labor Force

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

in Thousands

Date	Civilian Labor Force	EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			Labor Management Dispute 1/
		Total	Non-Ag	Agri.	Total	*Percent #* County	State	
1973								
January	31.4	29.1	27.7	1.4	2.3	*7.3*	*6.5*	*
February	31.5	29.2	27.7	1.5	2.3	*7.3*	*6.1*	*
March	31.5	29.2	27.8	1.4	2.3	*7.3*	*5.9*	*
April	31.6	29.3	28.0	1.3	2.3	*7.3*	*6.0*	*
May	32.1	29.6	28.2	1.4	2.5	*7.8*	*6.1*	*
June	32.3	29.6	28.3	1.3	2.7	*8.4*	*6.5*	0
July	32.4	30.0	28.4	1.6	2.4	*7.4*	*6.3*	0
August	32.4	30.2	28.6	1.6	2.2	*6.8*	*6.1*	0
September	32.2	30.0	28.5	1.5	2.2	*6.8*	*6.1*	*
October	32.3	30.2	28.8	1.4	2.1	*6.5*	*6.3*	0
November	32.1	29.9	28.5	1.4	2.2	*6.9*	*6.2*	*
December	32.0	29.9	28.5	1.4	2.1	*6.6*	*5.9*	*
1973 Avg.	32.0	29.7	28.3	1.4	2.3	*7.2*	*6.2*	*
1974								
January	32.8	30.3	28.8	1.5	2.5	*7.6*	*7.0*	*
February	32.4	30.3	28.8	1.5	2.1	*6.5*	*6.2*	*
March	32.6	30.4	28.9	1.5	2.2	*6.7*	*6.3*	*
April	32.4	30.2	28.8	1.4	2.2	*6.8*	*6.7*	*
May	32.4	30.2	28.6	1.6	2.2	*6.8*	*6.6*	1.4
June	32.5	30.3	28.7	1.6	2.2	*6.8*	*7.2*	1.2
July	32.6	30.5	28.7	1.8	2.1	*6.4*	*6.7*	*
August	32.6	30.5	29.1	1.4	2.1	*6.4*	*6.5*	*
September	32.5	30.5	29.2	1.3	2.0	*6.2*	*6.5*	*
October	33.2	31.1	29.5	1.6	2.1	*6.3*	*6.6*	*
November	32.7	30.5	28.9	1.6	2.2	*6.7*	*7.0*	*
December	32.8	30.6	29.1	1.5	2.2	*6.7*	*6.0*	*
1974 Avg.	32.7	30.5	29.0	1.5	2.2	*6.7*	*6.7*	.2
1975								
January	32.9	30.7	29.1	1.6	2.2	*6.7*	*7.0*	*
February	33.5	30.8	29.1	1.7	2.7	*8.1*	*8.1*	*
March	33.2	30.5	29.3	1.2	2.7	*8.1*	*7.9*	.1
April	33.4	30.5	29.3	1.2	2.9	*8.7*	*8.6*	.1
May	33.8	31.2	29.8	1.4	2.6	*7.6*	*8.2*	*
June	33.7	31.2	29.9	1.3	2.5	*7.4*	*8.7*	*
July	33.7	31.0	29.5	1.5	2.7	*8.0*	*8.4*	*
August								
September								
October								
November								
December								
Avg.								

* *Under 50.* *Current month preliminary.* *Revised to 1974 Benchmarks.*

1/ *Non-additive - included in total employment.* *Series began January 1970.*

NOTE: Seasonally adjusted data are provided for statistical analysis only and should not be confused with actual numbers.

BILLINGS SMSA (YELLOWSTONE COUNTY)

Civilian Labor Force

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

in Thousands

Date	Civilian Labor Force	EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			Labor Management Dispute 1/
		Total	Non-Ag	Agri.	Total	Percent # County	Percent # State	
1973								
January	42.1	39.9	38.5	1.4	2.2	5.2	6.5	*
February	42.1	40.2	38.7	1.5	1.9	4.5	5.1	*
March	42.4	40.7	39.1	1.6	1.7	4.0	5.9	0
April	43.3	41.1	39.4	1.7	2.2	5.1	6.0	*
May	43.4	41.0	39.4	1.6	2.4	5.5	6.1	*
June	43.9	41.3	39.8	1.5	2.6	5.9	6.5	.3
July	43.9	41.4	39.8	1.6	2.5	5.7	6.3	*
August	44.8	42.3	40.1	2.2	2.5	5.6	6.1	*
September	44.1	41.9	40.1	1.8	2.2	5.0	6.1	*
October	44.1	41.7	40.0	1.7	2.4	5.4	6.3	*
November	44.3	42.0	40.4	1.6	2.3	5.2	6.2	*
December	44.3	42.5	40.8	1.7	1.8	4.1	5.9	*
1973 Avg.	43.5	41.3	39.6	1.7	2.2	5.1	6.2	*
1974								
January	45.4	42.5	41.0	1.5	2.9	6.4	7.0	0
February	45.1	42.9	41.4	1.5	2.2	4.9	6.2	0
March	45.5	43.4	41.7	1.7	2.1	4.6	6.3	0
April	45.6	43.1	41.4	1.7	2.5	5.5	6.7	0
May	45.8	43.4	41.5	1.9	2.4	5.2	6.6	.5
June	46.4	43.6	41.6	2.0	2.8	6.0	7.2	.5
July	46.6	44.1	42.1	2.0	2.5	5.4	6.7	*
August	46.2	44.0	42.0	2.0	2.2	4.8	6.5	*
September	46.2	43.9	42.3	1.6	2.3	5.0	6.5	*
October	46.2	43.9	42.0	1.9	2.3	5.0	6.6	*
November	45.6	43.2	41.4	1.8	2.4	5.3	7.0	*
December	45.8	43.5	41.7	1.8	2.3	5.0	7.0	*
1974 Avg.	45.9	43.5	41.7	1.8	2.4	5.3	6.7	*
1975								
January	46.5	43.4	41.8	1.6	3.1	6.7	7.0	*
February	46.5	43.2	41.5	1.7	3.3	7.1	8.1	*
March	46.1	42.9	41.5	1.4	3.2	7.0	7.9	.1
April	46.7	43.0	41.5	1.5	3.7	7.9	8.6	*
May	46.8	43.8	42.2	1.6	3.0	6.5	8.2	0
June	46.8	43.6	42.0	1.6	3.2	6.8	8.7	0
July	47.1	44.0	42.4	1.6	3.1	6.6	8.4	0
August								
September								
October								
November								
December								
Avg.								

* Under 50. *Current month preliminary. Revised to 1974 Benchmarks.*

1/ Non-additive - included in Total Employment. Series began January 1970.

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Table XII

MONTANA HOURS AND EARNINGS

For Private Nonagricultural Industries

JULY 1975

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	July 1975	June 1975	July 1974	July 1975	June 1975	July 1974	July 1975	June 1975	July 1974
TOTAL PRIVATE	$163.44	$160.81	$159.90	36.4	36.3	37.1	$4.49	$4.43	$4.31
MANUFACTURING	184.79	189.74	187.50	35.4	36.7	37.5	5.22	5.17	5.00
Durable Goods	180.54	183.63	183.50	35.4	36.8	36.7	5.10	4.99	5.00
Primary Metal Industries	242.73	225.46	220.70	37.4	36.9	40.2	6.49	6.11	5.49
Nondurable Goods	197.18	207.48	198.10	35.4	36.4	39.7	5.57	5.70	4.99
Food and Kindred Products	198.74	201.70	184.47	38.0	37.7	43.1	5.23	5.35	4.28
MINING	286.44	269.81	253.02	44.0	43.1	43.7	6.51	6.26	5.79
Metal Mining	288.01	263.86	261.56	41.5	41.1	42.6	6.94	6.42	6.14
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	299.82	291.46	296.30	38.0	36.8	35.4	7.89	7.92	8.37
TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC UTILITIES	253.38	243.39	245.47	42.8	42.7	43.6	5.92	5.70	5.63
Communications, Electric, Gas, Sanitary Services	209.87	204.34	190.41	39.9	39.6	40.6	5.26	5.16	4.69
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	128.52	126.74	124.10	36.0	35.7	36.5	3.57	3.55	3.40
FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE	118.99	120.29	112.57	36.5	36.9	37.4	3.26	3.26	3.01
SERVICES	107.26	104.65	103.70	32.7	32.3	34.0	3.28	3.24	3.05

Data for current month are preliminary.
Averages are based on gross earnings, including overtime and premium pay.
Selected Industries series began January 1950; Total Private Sector series began January 1969 (May 1972 issue).
Prepared by U. S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Table XIII

MONTANA LABOR TURNOVER RATES

In Manufacturing and Mining Industries

(per 100 employees)

JUNE 1975

	ACCESSION RATES						SEPARATION RATES								
	Total			New Hires			Total			Quits			Layoffs		
	Jne. 1975	May 1975	Jne. 1974	Jne. 1975	May 1975	Jne. 1974	Jne. 1975	May 1975	Jne. 1974	Jne. 1975	May 1975	Jne. 1974	Jne. 1975	May 1975	Jne. 1974
MANUFACTURING	7.4	4.9	6.7	4.8	3.4	5.2	3.7	4.4	3.5	2.3	1.6	2.4	0.5	2.2	0.3
Durable Goods	7.5	5.9	6.9	5.8	4.3	4.9	4.1	3.2	3.9	2.5	1.5	2.7	0.5	1.0	0.2
Primary Metal Industries	6.7	4.3	5.4	0.5	0.0	3.7	2.8	4.2	2.2	0.3	0.5	0.6	1.4	3.2	0.2
Nondurable Goods	7.0	2.9	6.2	2.7	1.7	5.6	2.7	6.8	2.7	1.7	1.7	1.8	0.5	4.5	0.3
MINING	4.0	3.9	8.1	3.0	2.2	5.0	5.2	2.9	3.0	1.6	1.7	1.6	1.3	0.3	*
Metal Mining	1.2	1.8	8.6	0.0	0.0	4.1	8.0	2.6	3.5	0.5	0.4	1.5	2.9	0.6	*

* *Less than .05.*
Prepared by U. S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.
Series began January 1959.

NEW BUSINESS FIRMS IN MONTANA

BY INDUSTRY

New business firms in Montana are a reflection of economic activity within the business community. Data furnished on this page and the following page are an aggregate of information supplied by the office of the Montana Secretary of State and the Montana Employment Security Division. These data should in no way be construed as being absolute. They are presented to indicate business trends during the survey period.

The chart on the following page is a break-down by county and labor market area of business starts in Montana during the current month and year to date, with a comparison to the previous year.

The following chart is a break-down of new businesses by industry, with a comparison to last year.

Industry	July 1975	July 1974	Year to Date 1975	Year to Date 1974
AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY, AND FISHERIES	17	28	178	136
MINING	1	5	44	31
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	24	37	201	219
MANUFACTURING	7	28	65	86
TRANSPORTATION, COMMUNICATION, ELECTRIC, GAS, AND SANITARY SERVICES	2	5	37	74
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	41	56	341	362
FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE	10	31	131	131
SERVICES	73	79	553	471
GOVERNMENT	0	0	0	0
NOT ELSEWHERE CLASSIFIED	0	0	2	0
STATE TOTAL	175	269	1,552	1,510

NEW BUSINESS FIRMS IN MONTANA

BY LABOR MARKET AREA

Areas	NEW BUSINESS FIRMS			
	July 1975	July 1974	Year to Date 1975	Year to Date 1974
STATE OF MONTANA	175	269	1,552	1,510
GREAT FALLS SMSA	14	24	143	118
BILLINGS SMSA	30	32	235	232
ANACONDA-BUTTE LMA	13	18	117	114
Beaverhead	5	4	28	16
Deer Lodge	1	3	14	11
Granite	0	0	1	6
Madison	1	1	16	6
Powell	1	3	9	14
Silver Bow	5	7	49	61
BOZEMAN LMA	11	27	139	125
Gallatin	10	19	118	100
Meagher	0	3	4	4
Park	1	5	17	21
GLASGOW LMA	7	4	66	55
Daniels	1	0	17	5
Phillips	2	1	12	5
Roosevelt	2	0	15	7
Sheridan	2	1	12	8
Valley	0	2	10	30
GLENDIVE LMA	6	13	62	48
Dawson	5	6	30	23
Garfield	0	1	6	6
McCone	0	1	5	4
Prairie	0	1	1	2
Richland	1	4	19	12
Wibaux	0	0	1	1
HARDIN-RED LODGE LMA	5	8	52	51
Big Horn	2	2	25	13
Carbon	1	5	8	20
Stillwater	1	1	11	12
Sweet Grass	1	0	8	6

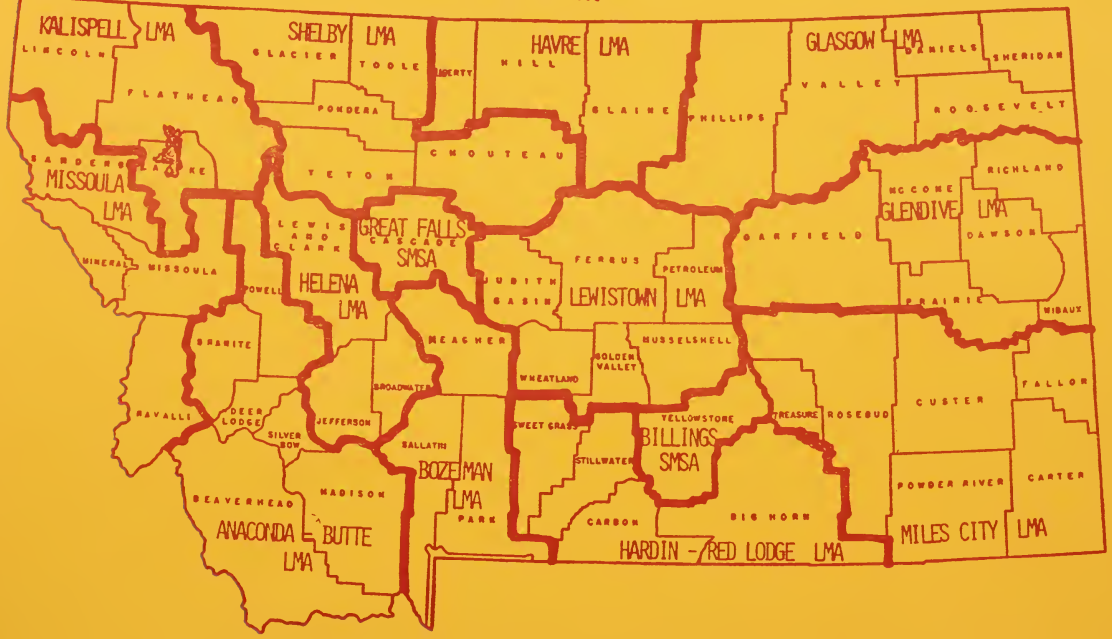
Areas	NEW BUSINESS FIRMS			
	July 1975	July 1974	Year to Date 1975	Year to Date 1974
HAVRE LMA	4	10	56	46
Blaine	1	1	13	6
Hill	3	6	39	35
Liberty	0	3	4	5
HELENA LMA	9	21	87	108
Broadwater	0	1	6	3
Jefferson	1	1	10	10
Lewis and Clark	8	19	71	95
KALISPELL LMA	19	41	158	202
Flathead	11	30	113	131
Lake	5	6	30	50
Lincoln	3	5	15	21
LEWISTOWN LMA	6	8	29	48
Fergus	5	2	20	20
Golden Valley	0	0	0	3
Judith Basin	0	1	0	7
Musselshell	1	2	6	10
Petroleum	0	0	0	0
Wheatland	0	3	3	8
MILES CITY LMA	10	7	76	66
Carter	0	0	4	2
Custer	3	5	32	42
Fallon	3	0	14	10
Powder River	1	0	4	3
Rosebud	2	2	20	9
Treasure	1	0	2	0
MISSOULA LMA	38	44	268	241
Mineral	2	0	15	3
Missoula	32	37	189	177
Ravalli	3	6	35	40
Sanders	1	1	29	21
SHELBY-CUT BANK LMA	3	12	64	56
Chouteau	0	1	7	7
Glacier	1	4	22	15
Pondera	0	2	16	8
Teton	1	3	10	13
Toole	1	2	9	13

Source of data: *State of Montana Employment Security Division, Research and Analysis Section; Montana Secretary of State.*

LABOR MARKET AREAS

IN

MONTANA



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